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First of all, the publication of the Hamateur Chatter was delayed due to making final arrangements for an Old-Timers party and Spring Get-Together. Ed, KE9JJ, and Travis,W9VQD, checked out Kuglitsch's on S. 44th and W. Greenfield Ave. They put together a pretty nice deal of a meal at a pretty nice price. The Party will be a combination of our Old-Timers Christmas Party and Spring Luncheon. The date if this fine affair is Thursday, May 11, 1989. The time -- 6:30PM. The menu includes roast beef, baked ham, fried chicken and much more. A full menu and reservation blank is included in this mailing. Please have your reservation in by May 1, 1989. There will be beer and soda provided, and the cash bar for mixed drinks opens at 5:30PM. This affair is not limited to club members. Bring your friends - talk over old times - meet some of the people you talk to on the radio. Come on and have a lot of fun. Ed,KE9JJ, will even tell you what happened when he stopped at a pet shop and bought a frog that winked. Oh yeah --- the cost of all this is $10.00 per person. No charge for Ed's story.

The next meeting of MRAC will be on March 23, 1989, at the Wauwatosa Savings and Loan Building, 7500 West State Street. The time of the meeting is 7:30PM. The doors open at about 7:00PM for eyeball QSO's. As yet, Travis has not come up with a program. But, knowing Travis, I'm sure he will arrange an interesting evening as he usually does.

An Elmer is needed for the Elm Grove-Brookfield area. A handicapped person wants help in becoming a ham. Get the necessary info from Dave DeFebo, WB9BWP.

W9RH went on the air in January. Dick Helz, WA9RWA, was the first check-in. We will try to have the station on the air every Friday at 9:00PM. Ten meters has been the band that we used. This way Novices and Technicians can get involved and also get their feet wet. Oh yeah ---- the frequency is 28.400Mhz. See ya Friday at 9:00PM.

The following corrections should be made to your roster:
W9UGN Bob Glamm -- Life Member W9THN Robert Hunteman new phone # 258-0680

The following are two additions to the present roster. One is a new member and one is renewal. Welcome aboard.

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Five of us,W9UVV, KA9MXM, W9VQD, KE9JJ, KD9AJ,were at the Wilson Park Senior Center on March 2nd. The turnout was a little disappointing. Besides our group, there were five other people - three hams and two non-hams. We showed the ARRL tape on Amateur Radio. KA9MXM provided the tape and VCR. Gremlins got into the HF rig we had and we couldn't get any audio. When I brought the rig home, it worked fine after a while. The gremlins disappeared but not the egg on my face. The rig was my TS930S. Oh well, such is life. I'm sure if the opportunity presents itself, we'll do it again. Thanks guys.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT --- I received a copy of an article from one of the older club members. This article appeared in one of the Amateur Radio publications. It made me think a little bit.

The article dealt with bringing new people into Amateur Radio, and keeping them there. The problem is not a lack of technical interest or smarts among young people. Take a look at how many teenagers have mastered the intricacies of computers and computer programming. These "kids" are only doing what most older hams did when they were kids. Ham Radio was the "in" thing. We as amateurs have to show the teenager how he can combine his computer hobby with Amateur Radio, i.e. packet.

A lad of 15 finds it very hard to break into a QSO on 75 meters. Let's give them a chance. Let's help them get on the air. Talk to them. These youngsters are the future of Amateur Radio. I'm sure someone will say the bands are too crowded now. If we don't keep the bands crowded, we won't keep the bands. Look what's happening in the 220Mhz band now. We may lose it, I should say, will lose it if the FCC doesn't reconsider.

Enough of the soapbox. The article was from the February issue of Ham Radio. I found it interesting, and it made me think. I hope all amateurs think of ways to improve the hobby.

73 CUAGN next month Ch op KD9AJ